



## **CITIZEN COMMENTS AT GMX PUBLIC MEETINGS POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

It is the policy of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) to conduct its public meetings in an effective and efficient manner, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, members of the public must be offered the opportunity to comment on a proposition before a board or commission subject to certain limitations. It is essential to the orderly functioning of the GMX Board of Directors (the “Board”) and its committees (collectively, the “Committees”), that public comments at meetings of the Board and Committees (collectively, “Public Meetings”) be offered in an orderly and non-disruptive manner. This policy designates the time and manner in which public comments may be offered at Public Meetings.

### **II. DECORUM**

All persons addressing the Board and Committees, speaking or making a presentation at a Public Meeting shall be respectful and shall avoid the use of offensive or abusive language or conduct, so that the order and decorum necessary for the efficient and effective operation of a governmental meeting is maintained at all times.

### **III. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

1. Each agenda for Public Meetings shall include an agenda item titled “Public Comment,” which shall be placed on the agenda prior to Board or Committee action items.
2. The Chair shall, at the beginning of each Public Meeting, following the approval of the minutes and any ministerial adjustments to the agenda, recognize those persons who desire to speak on any proposition on the agenda or other matter pertinent to GMX under the “Public Comment” portion of the agenda. If the item on the agenda that a person desires to



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Speak upon is a Public Hearing item, the person shall speak during the Public Hearing in lieu of addressing that item at the Public Comment portion. The remarks of each individual invited to address the Board or Committee shall be limited to three (3) minutes and one speaker may not cede their time to another in order to extend the three (3) minutes for a single speaker. The aggregate time allotted for Public Comment on any agenda shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. By a vote of at least two thirds of the members present, the time allotted for an individual's comments or for the aggregate time for all Public Comment may be extended.

#### **IV. LIMITATIONS ON PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board shall not be required to allow for public comment in the following circumstances:

1. For an official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation effecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if permitting public comment would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Board to act;
2. An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
3. During a meeting that is exempt from s. 286.011 Fla. Stat.; or
4. During a meeting at which the Board is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity.

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